

House Resolution No. 763

Whereas, Janice S. Ellis, Ph.D., of Kansas City, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellis currently serves as the President of the Partnership for Children, a non-profit agency that engages in child advocacy in the five-county Kansas City metropolitan area, with special emphasis in the areas of education, children's health, and youth and teen well-being; and

Whereas, before joining the Partnership for Children in 2000, Dr. Ellis managed her own full-service marketing firm for ten years and served as the director of marketing and development for Marion Merrell Dow; and

Whereas, a Kansas City mayoral candidate in 1999 who founded Reach for the Stars, a nationally recognized teen pregnancy prevention program, in 1985, Dr. Ellis is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with the Missouri State Board of Accountancy, Central Exchange, League of Women Voters, and the Greater Kansas City Women's Political Caucus; and

Whereas, the worthy recipient of several awards and honors, Dr. Ellis boasts a long history of civic and community involvement as well as nine years of experience in municipal government, eight of which were spent working with the Mayor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she developed a budgeting system that gained both national and international recognition; and

Whereas, the author of a column for both The Kansas City Star and the Kansas City Call in addition to numerous articles for national trade and professional publications, Dr. Ellis holds a Ph.D. in Communication Arts and two Master of Arts degrees, one in Communication Arts and one in Political Science, from the University of Wisconsin:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Ellis upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Janice S. Ellis.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 763, adopted March 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker